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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Masahiro KATO *et al.*)
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U.S. Application No. 10/827,517) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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Filed: April 20, 2004) Examiner: Unassigned
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TRANSMITTAL FOR PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

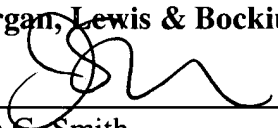
1. Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment.
2. Extension of Time: The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply. Applicants do not believe an extension of time is required. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefor.
3. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16):

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Remaining		Previously Paid	Extra	Rate	Total Fees
Total Claims	12	minus	0	0	\$18 each=	0.00
Independent Claims	2	minus	2	0	\$86 each=	0.00
First presentation of Multiple dependent claim					\$290.00	0.00
SUB-TOTAL =						0.00
Reduction by 1/2 for filing by a small entity						0.00
TOTAL FEE =						\$0.00

4. Constructive Petition: **Except** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or to credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a
constructive petition for extension of time in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please
amend the application as follows: